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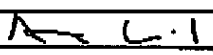
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed 17 March 2004, in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks and amendments responsive to this Office Action.

A request for a two-month extension for responding to this Office Action is enclosed herewith, making the due date for responding to the Office Action, 17 August 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2117.

**AMENDMENTS****In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 1-35, 42-68, and 70, because the claims have been withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142(b), as allegedly being drawn to a non-elected invention. A clean copy of the pending claims as amended are attached herewith in the Appendix.

Please amend Claims 36, 39, 40, and 41 as follows:

36. (Once Amended) A method to treat spinal cord damage; spinal cord trauma; neuronal tissue damage produced by [ischemic attack, infarction, hemorrhage or aneurysm; Huntingtons' disease;] multiple sclerosis; myelopathy; myelitis; or syringomyelia], comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of an FGF-9 polypeptide or a biologically active fragment thereof.

39. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 36, wherein said polypeptide comprises amino acid 1 to amino acid 208 as set forth in Fig. 3 (SEQ ID NO: 5).